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13 Named To Senate's Space Unit

Symington Wins 4-Way Scramble For One Position

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Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) won a four-way scramble yesterday for a place on a special Senate Committee that will frame "a national policy toward the age of space."

Guided by recommendations of Democratic and Republican leaders, Vice President Richard M. Nixon announced the makeup of the 13-member special committee created to deal with legislation for the missile-satellite era. Formal Senate approval of these appointments is expected Monday.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, who spearheaded the move to set up the special group, was expected to be its chairman.

Four for One Spot

Competing with Symington for an available Democratic place on the new group were Sens. Estes Kefauver (Tenn.), John Stennis (Miss.), and Henry M. Jackson (Wash.).

Symington's selection may have been influenced by his former service as a Secretary of the Air Force in the Truman Administration. He also has been active in the missile-satellites inquiry conducted by the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee.

The special committee's members were picked from the top rungs of six regular Senate committees. The special group was created in part to avoid delay and confusion that might result if space age legislation had to be referred to several of the regular committees.

Other Democratic members of the space group are Sens. Richard B. Russell (Ga.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee; Theodore Francis Green (R. I.), chairman of Foreign Relations; John L. McClellan (Ark.), chairman of Government operations; Warren G. Magnuson (Wash.), chairman of Commerce, and Clinton P. Anderson (N. M.), senior Democratic Senator on the Senate-House Atomic Committee.

The six Republicans are senior members of the same regular committees. They include Sens. Styles Bridges (N. H.), Alexander Wiley (Wisc.), Bourke B. Hickenlooper (Iowa), Leverett Saltonstall (Mass.), John W. Bricker (Ohio) and Karl E. Mundt (S. D.).

Knowland Is Retiring

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland (Calif.) did not take a seat on the space group, probably because he is retiring from the Senate this year to run for Governor of his state.

The group has powers to receive recommendations from President Eisenhower as well as to consider all legislation dealing with the broad space field.

Knowland said any such Administration recommendations probably must be received by June 1 if Congress is to consider them this year.

Mr. Eisenhower has asked his scientific adviser, James Killian Jr., to prepare specific recommendations on handling of future space programs.